Six year plan reform the public sector

2596. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a six year "game-plan" for reforming the public sector and are setting up an apex body or nodal agency to implement the same; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan and the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The Industrial Policy Statement announced by Government in July, 1991 provided the broad frame-work for industrial reform including disinvestment of a part of Government holdings in the share capital of selected Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs). Further reform measures include corporatisation of selected PSEs to enable them to access capital market directly and enhance their efficiency and accountability; recourse to National Renewal Fund (NRF) for rationalisations of work force in PSEs and restructuring of sick PSEs under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies Act... ... ...

Supply of furniture at the official residence of Government officers

2597. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Government orders/instructions under which official furniture can be made available at the residence of Government officers by their offices;

(b) what is the rank/status or scale of pay on which an officer becomes eligible for such a facility at his residence and to what extent the office can provide this facility; and

(c) how it is ensured that the official furniture supplied at the residence is returned after retilement/death/transfer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRSHEKHRA MURTHY): (a) to (c) Under the existing guidelines, such items of furniture as may be essential for doing office work can be provided at the officers' residence under the orders of (a) an officer not below the rank of a Joint Secretary in respect of officers of the Ministry concerned or the Heads of Departments under it and (b) the Heads of Departments in respect of other officers. The authorities competent to sanction the supply of furniture at the residences are also competent to prescribe the scale and items of furniture which can be supplied. No non-essential items of furniture such as, Sofa-Sets, Clocks, carpets/darries etc. can be supplied. The office concerned has to take receipt of inventory from the allottee for the furniture allotted to him. All such furniture is to be borne on the inventory of the office concerned and an annual stock verification is required to be carried out by that office to ensure that the articles of furniture issued are actually in existence and are correct according to the inventory. The supply of furniture does not entitle the officers in question to claim (a) any rent for the portion of their residence used for office work (ii) electricity charges and any other conducted expenditure that they may have to incur.

The allottee is required to give an undertaking to the effect that he will be personally responsible for the safe custody and return in good condition of the furniture supplied to him.